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My dear Sir

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By this date I hope the people have declared by an unmistakeable majority, that the Constitution shall be amended, so as to preclude for ever the possibility of slavery cursing your land again. I rest content that it is so, for my conviction, come to by patient and incessant study of the character during the past four years, is very settled on that point. I am nevertheless impatient to hear the glad tidings and I know all true friends of America are also waiting anxiously for the mail, that shall gladden the heart and raise the cheer of a multitude on this side the Atlantic.

The course you have taken in the Presidential contest has given great satisfaction to all your friends here and for me I feel that it has been a crown of honor to your long career of suffering, watching, teaching, and faith.

The mistaken views of some of your friends, and their withdrawal of support from the 'Liberator', only caused more to come into the ranks than you expected and their vacant places to be supplied by new names, but old and earnest friends. They will live to regret their position and to honor yours.

Here, as the day approached for the election, all the engines of the slave power, were putting their fiery streams on to the public mind, trying to engender hatred, disgust, and enmity towards the Patriotic portion of the States. Your people could afford to treat with contempt the adversaries of freedom and we have likewise allowed them to have their way, Keeping steadily and consistently on.

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The administration most suited to the crisis, being secured and their course settled by the people, the way is clear for the future.

Still a great work has to be done - The Education of people and Congress and President must go on. The dangerous time is yet to come, When the rebellion is crushed, the ambition of the leaders thereof blasted by the withering lightning of a peoples power, and the people of the slave states, are on their knees, ~~for~~ suppliants for pardon, re-union, pleading loyalty and ~~all~~ obedience, then will be the crisis. Firmness almost supernatural will be required. A vivid recollection of the past will be needed to illumine the mind of those in whose hands reconciliation and reconstruction are placed, so that the causes of the fearful rebellion may be clear and distinct, and their sagacity, foresight, and judgment in full vigour ~~and~~ sound. and severely equitable.

To do this, it will take all the forces of the free press, free speech, free platform and pulpit to accomplish, and therefore it is that I say, the great work is yet to do.

In the first flush of the returning prodigal, mercy and forgiveness may overcome justice and principle - that justice to the free who have been so outraged, by the slave power for generations. and to whom there must be such a Constitutional guarantee, as shall for all time, give to a free people, ~~secure~~ security to property, person and speech throughout the entirety of the United States.

The last few years have indeed revolutionised the mind of your people, & the next four years, will need all the Garrisons, the Beechers the Sumners, the Chases of your ~~people~~ land to direct, ~~and~~ guide & support the people in the new Era of Freedom in your history.

With warm remembrances to our George Thompson & yourself allow me to remain Yours very faithfully

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